

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 29-32, 34-47, 49-61 and 63-112 are pending.

II. Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

The forgoing amendments insert the required SEQ ID NO identifiers associated with each listed sequence. Applicants enclose with this communication a substitute computer readable form copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing". The contents of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter.

III. Double Patenting

The Office has provisionally rejected claims 29-32, 34-47, 59-61 and 63-112 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 29-67 of co-pending Application No. 09/967,956. Since the '956 application is now abandoned, this rejection is moot. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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